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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
NSW STATE UNIT

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
1995/96

Two years in front of one seems like a very long winding road full of unknown challenges. Two years behind one seems so short with the challenges having been met, experiences shared and growth attained. When I began the presidency, I took as my theme for the two years "JESUS CHRIST PRE-EMINENT". I have been thrilled to share with so many of Australian Church Women this same desire - that Christ may be the centre, the apex, the crown of our life and our living. Thank you to all in the ACW family for your love and encouragement. I have learned so much from the different groups I have been able to visit, particularly those of denominations other than my own.

This past 12 months began with our Annual Dedication Service, held in my own Church (Central Baptist, Sydney) last May. We were greatly encouraged and challenged with the information given to us by Joy Connor, Co-ordinator of Community Services with Baptist Inner City Ministries based in Woolloomooloo, concerning her ministry. Also the delightful Evangelical Sisters of Mary who gave us such beautiful music.

As your president, I have accepted many invitations to represent ACW at special denominational occasions. In May, I visited the Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship 101st Annual Conference. In August, the Uniting Church Home & Inland Missions Thank Offering Service when the speaker, Rev. Dr. Dean Drayton, then Moderator-Elect, gave a challenging message on the need for Christians to keep up with the changing times of our culture. Also in August, I attended the Anglican Bush Church Aid Auxiliary Thanksgiving Luncheon and learned much about its ministry in the Tom Price/Newman regions of Western Australia. In November, it was a joy to be involved in the Asian Church Women's Conference Annual Service held, for the second time in our state. This Service, celebrated at the Campsie Salvation Army Citadel, was attended by more than 100 women from many differing national backgrounds.



This year, 1996, has been quite exciting as our NSW Unit, along with "Microsoft" sponsored a young university student through the National Council of Women for its Centenary Year. I was privileged to meet the student, Fiona Collins at a special Centenary Luncheon held in January at Parliament House and we were introduced to the guest of honour, Mrs. Shirley Sinclair and the Governor of NSW, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair.

In March I represented ACW at the Anglican Mothers' Union Centenary Service held in St. Andrews's Cathedral followed by a luncheon in the Sydney Town Hall. In April, I was privileged to attend the opening of the National Council of Women Centenary Exhibition at Parliament House. We were able to have leaflets concerning ACW included in the special material distributed at the exhibition concerning NCW's member bodies. I was also able to attend the Christian Womens Fellowship of the Churches of Christ annual conference on Friday 10th May.

As well as being invited to be the speaker at World Day of Prayer and our own Fellowship Day and World Community Day, I've also chaired our Ecumenical Luncheon in July and Spiritual Renewal day in October.

It was a great experience to travel to Melbourne, with 10 ACW members from NSW, to attend the National Conference. Never will we forget the beautiful devotions led by Rev. Jill Manton, a member of the pastoral team of Ashburton Baptist Church, Melbourne.

I want to praise God for giving me the experiences I've had as your president. As I conclude my term and a new president is installed, I pray that you will all still strive to make Jesus Christ pre-eminent in your personal life and in the corporate life of ACW I commend your new president, Peg Blake. She is truly a lady who loves the Lord and I know that she will lead us with love, grace and integrity. Pray for her as she takes up the presidency in May for two years. I also want to thank those who have served with me on the executive. They have done extremely well in fulfilling their responsibility. Special mention goes to Major Joan Tong, our very capable, efficient and dedicated secretary whose ability is God-given and God-honouring.

May God bless and use us all.

Lucelle King
PRESIDENT



*I am
the
vine,
you are
the branches*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1995/96 has been a very full year for our unit. Not only have we attended to the usual matters, but it was also a year during which a national conference was held, and this added somewhat to what was already an interesting and busy year. One of the things I'd like to say about our unit, is that we are growing in many ways. I sense a growing enthusiasm, a growing sense of community between council members, a growing sense of purpose, and a new sense of spirituality. This is exciting and invigorating, and I'm sure that this trend will continue while we all continue to give our time, talents and energy to our programs.

On behalf of us all I would like to thank Lucelle for her leadership during her term as president. Lucelle has kept the program moving. She has represented us at many functions, and she has certainly set us all a great example with the commencement of special day services at both Campbelltown and Camden. We wish her well and pray that God will continue to bless and use her in many ways.

This year sees the commencement of the term of president for Peg Blake, and we welcome her and pray that the Lord will equip her in every way, and that by His grace she will continue to lead ACW in ministry that is vital and helpful to the women of all participating denominations and organisations.

The president and conveners will cover the events and projects that have taken place during this year and I will simply endorse these reports.

THANK YOU TO:

MARIE MAJOOR, TREASURER - Marie is still a treasure! Marie has not only kept the books, but she has also shown a real interest in the financial affairs of the unit, combining this as well as her other duties with marvellous efficiency.

MINA WHYBOURNE, MINUTE SECRETARY - Mina has done a marvellous job of minute-taking all our executive and council meetings. This is no mean feat, to keep up with all our deliberations and condense them into a meaningful report. Thank you Mina.

SHIRLEY WELLS, FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN - Shirley has worked very hard during the year. This is probably one of the busiest convenerships. It was good to note that the national executive observed that NSW had contributed more than \$10000 in 1995! Shirley not only sends receipts, but also promotes the fellowship by personally attending meetings and giving

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information about this project, and also sending reports and information to interested groups. FLC money just comes in, so we thank everybody - especially the branches who work so hard to promote it.

PEG BLAKE, WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Peg very graciously agreed to look after this convenership during her year as president-elect. This has not been a 'busy' year for WKS affairs, so it has just been a matter of keeping us informed of the current scene.

EDITH RIDGE, PROMOTION/SPECIAL DAYS - What would we do without Edith? Edith does an excellent job of this convenership and we do thank her for organising the printing of the services, arranging packing days, and generally keeping in touch with the branches (and keeping them on their toes).

MARIE McCANN, FUNCTIONS CONVENER - We have taken the word 'special' out of this convenership to distinguish it from special days. Marie has done a great job in organising the 'extras'. Currently we are facing a state conference (held in the alternate year to a national conference), and the work for this is due to Marie and her team. Thanks very much Marie. Marie was nominated for an NCW Woman of the Year award, and whilst not being the recipient, was suitably recognised for this nomination.

BETH FINLAY, BRANCHES - This convenership will now become part of special days work. We thank Beth for maintaining a link with the branches, speaking at several services and meetings, and generally being a most enthusiastic member of the unit.

HEATHER REID, MEMBERSHIP & SOCIAL ISSUES - Heather has continued to represent us at meetings, conferences, and discussions on many issues. Her reports to the council are always very informative and challenging. She too has kept us on our toes, with continual reminders to be involved, to write letters about important issues, and to present the christian viewpoint at every level of our community.

BERYL McLAUGHLIN, NEWSETTE EDITOR - each issue of Newsette is a mine of information. It breathes energy to our unit! Thank you Beryl, and to **CARMEL EMMET** (Newsette Secretary), for the fine work.

HAZEL McIVER, PUBLICITY - Hazel has done a great job in this area. She isn't able to continue in this convenership and we do thank her for all the initiative and diligence she has put into this job. We really have been publicised.

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MEMBERSHIP, BEVERLEY ELLIOTT - What a task, keeping up with all the changes! Beverley has kept us all in order, the rolls are up to date, and she ensures that the attendance and the apologies are carefully recorded. Plus, isn't it lovely to be met with such friendliness and enthusiasm when we come into the meetings.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CONVENERS.

For the second time in NSW we held the **ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC)**, worship service in November. This year we held the service at Campsie, geographically more suited to the occasion, and was a big improvement on the previous year. A wonderful group of women from Crown St Chinese Presbyterian church provided musical items, and we were really encouraged to have participation in both the Korean and Chinese language. We combined this service with our November council meeting. It worked! And we will do it again this year

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 18,
ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMPSIE, 10.00 A.M.**

Many of the representatives are asked to do extra service to National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer, NSW Council of Children's Film and Television, and NSW Ecumenical Council. Thank you to them all.

We thank each denomination and affiliated group for their support and for providing us with good representatives, and we pray that 1996 will be another good year. May God continue to bless us as we work and witness together. **Hallelujah.**
Joan Tong

CONVENERS REPORTS:

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC)

"Come, Celebrate, Rejoice and Pray" is the theme for this very special year, as we give thanks for forty wonderful years since FLC was born. We rejoice when we think of all God has been able to do through this prayer fellowship and we continue to thank and praise Him as we look forward to the years ahead. We pray for His leading and direction as we seek to work towards reconciliation, justice and peace.

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Our year (33 years since FLC commenced in Australia) has been a busy, encouraging and fulfilling time, when new members and new women's groups have become a vital part of our Fellowship. Community Day, with the theme "World Partners - praying and working together" was a time when we were all blessed as we met in our communities for worship and fellowship. The Least Coin offerings have far exceeded our expectations and we are so grateful to all who have prayed and given so generously. Since Community Day, 170 receipts have been forwarded, together with FLC news and literature, and all parts of NSW have been reached. We are delighted to report that an amount of \$11,649.08 in least coins has been received in 1995.

Our grant application for NSW Girls Brigade was successful and we are thrilled to know that an amount of \$US2,000 will be available for them for their project "Yappera - Stage 2 Development". This will help young women to extend personal leadership qualities and growth in a variety of aspects: spiritual, physical, social and educational. We wish the Brigade Leaders God's richest blessing as they seek to minister to our young people.

We have been kept up to date with the FLC news through our National FLC Conveners and would like to thank both Margaret Wall and Major Eileen Holley for their help and support during the year. It was great to meet these ladies, as well as other State Conveners at the National Conference in August. A very special thank you goes to Shirin Samuel, our hard working and gracious Executive Secretary (International Committee Fellowship of the Least Coin - ICFLC) for her help and encouragement, and we pray for her as she continues to serve Him in this way. Shirin has made the suggestion that, in this our Fortieth Anniversary year, as an act of celebration we might like to offer forty least coins at the time of our regular giving - Shirin adds "It is only to give special recognition to the blessings of God, who has blessed FLC in the last 40 years".

May I take this opportunity to thank all who have worked this year to promote FLC - thank you for your support and commitment. "O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the people. Sing to Him, tell of all His wonderful works". Psalm 105: 1-4.

Shirley Wells



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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (WKS)

Rev. Winifred Kiek's vision was to enable Asian and Pacific Island young women to have further theological and other training in Australia, and through this scholarship, which commenced in 1965, thirty scholars have benefited and have been able to return to their countries enabled to share the knowledge gained. Just as we are delighted to receive news from the scholars, they too greatly appreciate letters from Australia. We would be happy to give the appropriate addresses to anyone who would like to write with a word of encouragement and a sharing of love for the Lord Jesus. Although no further details are at hand as we go to print, we understand that two projects in Cambodia will be supported this year through the Cambodian Christian Women's Association for a Weaving & Tailoring course and Literary & English Language Classes.

1995 Scholars: Mrs Captain Lily Politini of Fiji is a Regional Commander and Regional Director of Women's Organisations within the Salvation Army. She is 34 years of age, is married and has four children. Capt. Politini attended the Woman's Christian Temperance Union World Convention in Melbourne in May and has returned to Fiji, where alcoholism is a serious problem, and she will begin an educational program on the effects of alcohol. Capt. Politini is now equipped to provide appropriate help and counselling for the people with whom she works.

Miss Rachael Rolland of Vanuatu was nominated by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union's National Executive, who requested that Rachel attend a Women's Leadership Development Course for 10 months at TIMAL Training Centre in Rabaul, PNG, so that she could work as PWMU leader on one of the outer islands on her return to Vanuatu. Unfortunately, because of volcanic eruptions in PNG and a breakdown in communications, Rachel's course had to be postponed. Although no details are yet to hand, we understand that Rachel has now taken up her scholarship.

Greetings, with appreciation for our constant prayers, have been received from 1991 scholar, Rachel (Sobana) Kanly, who is now the Nursing Administrator at the Catherine Booth Salvation Army Hospital, Nagercoil, India, and is kept very busy. Rachel still talks with gratitude of the wonderful opportunity she had in Australia and the very helpful experiences, thanks to God and ACW. Three-year-old Brian is very lively and talkative and is a constant joy to her!

The 1980 scholar, Mary Au, reports that she has set up a "soul friend movement" in Calvary Church, Kowloon, Hong Kong, this year: ie. members of the congregation form pairs to encourage and support each other in their christian life

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and then it is hoped, each pair will bring a newcomer into the church. She asks for our prayers for this program. Her other highlight of the year was to visit Geneva in May to join the Lima Liturgy Workshop.

Doreen (Tie) Tan (1990) reports that she and Philip have moved and are now living with her parents. She will be teaching a class of 15 students this year; Philip has resigned his teaching post to set up his own company - The Musicmaker. Already he has 35 students and hopes for more next year.

Eita Boeva (1979) is working with the Women's Organisations and is responsible for all women in the northern part of Papua New Guinea. She is now a Major in the Salvation Army. In May, 1991, her husband died leaving her with 4 children. One daughter is working, a son is doing secondary education in Brisbane and the two others are still at school.

Nighat Gulzar (1994) sent greetings at Christmas and Easter from Lahore, Pakistan, and although we have no up-to-date news of her working situation, we know she is very happy with husband, Asif, and extremely grateful for the opportunities afforded her by ACW to improve her skills in office organisation and management.

We are excited at the prospect of meeting **Deaconess Barkat Dass (1978 scholar)** who expects to visit Sydney in June. Barkat is to attend a Nurses' Christian Fellowship Intl. Conference in Hong Kong during the first week of July and, as June/July are her holiday months, she hopes to visit Australia. An invitation has been extended to Barkat to join us at our Council meeting on 17 June and it will be our pleasure to meet her and hear her speak about Pakistan.

Please keep our scholars in your constant prayers.
Peg Blake

SPECIAL DAYS
(formerly Promotions).



As I make this year's report, I draw to your attention the change of name to this convenership. Special Days is the name used in other state units and by the national committee, but in NSW we have been used to calling this convenership, Promotion. Recently, the executive made the decision to take out the "Promotion" component and to put it with Publicity where the whole work of publicity and promotion can be handled by one convener and her committee. Special Days will

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look after the two special days in our calendar, Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October, the other part of the old convenership.

So it is with pleasure that I report another year's activity in this field. The theme for Fellowship Day was "Christ's Call -- Our Service". The service was written by the Tasmanian Unit. We produced 2000 copies of the service and sent 36 parcels throughout Sydney and NSW. Attendance was 1,522 and the offering for Winifred Kiek Scholarship was \$5,221.65.

The Western Australian Unit wrote the service for World Community Day on the theme "World Partners - Praying and Working Together". We printed 2,500 copies of the service and sent out parcels to 43 groups. The general offering was dedicated to the work of Asian Church Women's Conference and Laos Evangelical Church Medical Centre, Vientiane. Attendance at World Community Day was 1,640 and the offering was \$5,072.12. The amount of the Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings, dedicated at the October services is in the convener's report.

During the year we were pleased to see services re-open at Lambton. The new group at Camden quickly grew too big for one venue, so the congregation divided into two, one to meet at Camden and the other at Campbelltown.

As we prepare for Fellowship Day, 1996, we are sad to know that the group at Turramurra-Wahroonga will hold its service for the last time, unless we can find some people willing to take on the responsibility of organising services there. This has been a well-established group and we are sorry to see it close. The branch at Lane Cove/Longueville will not hold services in 1996 as there are no organisers there after many years of faithful service. We thank the people who have selflessly carried on over many years and trust that we might be able to welcome them back soon. Lower Blue Mountains is again in recess and Upper Blue Mountains will hold World Community Day only.

ACW Unit secretary, Major Joan Tong wrote meditations on the two themes for the benefit of groups who found it difficult to obtain speakers. We would like to hear if any groups used these papers and if they found them helpful.

Services in 1996 will be on the following themes:-
Fellowship Day - "Dwelling in the Shelter of the Most High".
World Community Day -- "Our Changeless God".

Again this year I would like to thank the members who have formed the packing team. They have worked happily and well and (I think) without any mistakes!

Quite an achievement for us when we have such a big job to do. The staff of the Uniting Church have again given wonderful assistance to me and I thank the young men who have been our printers there, as well as the cheerful and helpful staff of the Secretariat. I would like to thank also my husband Barry for his forbearance in helping to operate the collating machine and in supervising the parcelling, especially the final wrapping.

Edith Ridge

SOCIAL ISSUES

During the past year many social issues have claimed our attention. I attended a meeting called by the Festival of Light to alert parents and teachers to the attempts to remove the exemptions in the Anti-Discrimination Act for christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and religious organisations. The Hon Elaine Nile presented a petition to parliament "Freedom of Choice in Education". We were invited to send a representative to a meeting of the Woman's Consultative Committee at Parliament House, which has given us access to many services and information. Through this meeting we were invited to the Women in Politics seminar run by the Business and Professional Womens Association.

The Assembly Commission for Social Responsibility and Justice of the Uniting Church of Australia held a luncheon meeting with two Asia Watch researchers, to which we were invited. They shared the results of their extensive research on the plight of Burmese women and girls trafficked to Thailand brothels. As a result we wrote to senator Evans expressing our disquiet at the stance the Australian government had taken on Burmese refugees on the Thailand border. He asked for a review of the UN guidelines on the use of funds and the correct classification of these camps as "Refugee Camps".

We have continued to support Dr Marlene Goldsmith MLC in her fight against child pornography and sexual violence in film, video, computer software etc. The work she has done as a member of the Standing Committee on Social Issues has been outstanding.

I would like to thank members of council who have given me articles of social issues and to thank many of you who have used your pens to great effect. To our past national secretary I would like to say how easy she made it, to grasp important issues, with the work she put into her minutes - thank you!

Heather Reid



BRANCHES

It has been sad to see that some of our branches have ceased to function in this last year. I know it has not been easy for the ladies who had endeavoured to keep them going, lack of leadership has been one of the problems. However it has been good to see that either Fellowship Day or World Community Day services have still been held in these areas where branches as such, no longer exist. For the branches which are still strong, and there are many, may God continue to bless you as you prepare for the two services which are held each year. May you be encouraged to be supported by all the christian churches within your community that the services may continue to be a blessing and a time of refreshment as you continue to serve the Lord.

Beth Finlay

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as Membership Secretary since last May and I have endeavoured to fill this role as efficiently as possible. Membership lists have been updated and a new badge holder made to hold the ever-changing name badges for denominational and branch representatives. Attendance at council meetings has averaged 43 and a large number of members and friends have attended special days held at the Central Baptist Church and Scots Church City.

I thank all members for their courtesy shown to me as I have endeavoured to greet them all by name at the door, and hand out copies of minutes and other literature. It has been a privilege also to get to know so many members from different denominations and to be part of such a wonderful ecumenical group as ACW. It is up to each one of us to spread the word on what ACW is all about and encourage new members whenever we can. I pray that God will continue to bless each one of us as we strive to serve Him in the days ahead.

Beverley Elliott

NEWSETTE

I am happy to have completed another year as editor of Newsette, a task I have found a worthwhile one for the past 8 years. It is most encouraging to know from various comments and compliments that people really do enjoy reading this, our State's little news magazine. It is good to know that as well as the news of our NSW Unit's activities and projects it provides, the other items of wider interest have proven useful and informative in various ways.

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I do appreciate the contribution of the various conveners, in letting me have their reports promptly to meet the deadline date for each issue. I also thank our little "team" of Carmel Emmett and Marie Majoor, who keep the computer records, print out the address labels, and assist me with folding and collating each issue for mailing. We would like to see our number of subscribers (currently approx 240) increase - if you don't already receive Newsette - you can, by letting Marie Majoor (521 Mowbray Rd, Lane Cove 2066) have your subscription of \$5.00 for a year.

I look forward to another year "on the job" and trust that Newsette may continue to inform us, stretch our minds, encourage our spirits, and nerve our endeavours in our own denominations, in ecumenical activities, and in our mission as Christians to our lost and needy world.

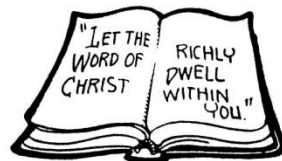
Beryl McLaughlin
EDITOR

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Our two ecumenical gatherings were held in July & October, enabling us to share our ideas on spiritual and social matters in the joyous atmosphere of being together in unity. The informative speaker in July was Sister Lynne Green, who spoke on "Women in Ecumenism - in the search for visible unity". In October our spiritual enrichment day focused on Tolerance, the two very inspiring speakers being Joy Jarman and Sheila Spencer. The venue for both occasions was Scots Church.

The second state conference was held (May 1996) at Stanmore. The illustrious speakers were Dr. Anne Pattel Gray, Mrs Joan Elliston AM, Dr. Bernard Thorogood, Rev. Marjory Roberts and Rev. Jan Frost. Once again the inspiration and challenge was there and the business sessions came up with much to be carried over. The fellowship and inter-action of ideas, especially with the live-in participants, at the marvellous venue, was something to be long remembered.

(Further details of this conference will be published in Newsette. Any person who would like a conference report, containing the text of some of the speakers and a general report of the business and recommendations, may have this on request to the secretary - \$2.00, plus \$1.00 if it needs to be posted



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995 CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/1995 \$5842.28 ADD RECEIPTS FOR 12 MONTHS

<u>Organisation A/c</u>		
Affiliation Fees	512.00	
Less refund overpayment	15.00	
	497.00	
Associate Membership Fees	100.00	597.00
Donations - General	22.50	
- Tea Money	15.45	37.95
Offering - Dedication Service	451.00	
Less expenses	167.41	283.59
<u>Trading Table Organ. A/c -</u>		
Dedication Service	200.00	
Special Events Days	90.60	290.60
5% handling of Offertories for		
FLC/F'ship Day/WkS/W'ld Comm.Day		1068.95
<u>Interest - C'with Bank</u>	137.07	
- Glebe Board	336.32	473.39
<u>Promotional Items - Sales</u>	2661.50	
- Less costs	1966.46	695.04
Sale of Photos		5.00
R'cd from L.Cove/L'ville ACW on		
closure of Branch		57.55
<u>Special Events Days</u>	1087.10	
Less expenses	603.60	483.50
<u>Overseas Travel Fund</u>	200.35	
Less Paid to Nat. Exec. ACW	150.00	50.35
"Newsette" subscriptions	865.00	
Less Cost of Production & postage	748.05	116.95
<u>A.C.W.C. Partners - Donations</u>	368.25	
- Service	327.25	
	695.50	
Less expenses	70.00	
Paid to Nat. Exec. A.C.W.	500.00	125.50
<u>Flower Festival - Donations</u>	127.60	
Less expenses	102.00	25.60
<u>Special funds</u>		
F.L.C.	11735.37	
- Interest rec'd Call A/c	48.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	224.45	
Fellowship Day Service	5221.65	
World Community Day Service	5104.72	22334.19
F.L.C. - Tsfr from Call A/c		1500.00 (c)
A.C.W.C. Bulletins - Subscriptions		152.00 (c)
Donation for Laos Medical Centre		60.00 (c)
		28357.16
		34199.44
<u>DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS</u>		
Printing & Stationery	225.94	
Postage	228.65	
Publicity	25.10	
Promotions	152.08	
Photos for records	30.00	
Sundry Expenses	142.36	
Government Charges	59.39	
	863.52	34199.44

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995
PAYMENTS (CONTD.)

	863.52	34199.44
Organisation A/c - Tstr to U.Church Call A/c	1500.00	
National Conference- Air Fares	596.00	
- Rego. & Accom.	580.00	1176.00
<u>Subscriptions -</u>		
N.S.W. Childrens Film & T.V. - Affiliation	10.00	
National Council of Women - Ann.Sub 1994	40.00	
- " " 1995	40.00	
- Annual Luncheon	70.00	
- Jean Arnot "	35.00	
- Seminar	60.00	
- Bursary for Centenary	500.00	
- Centenary Luncheon 280.00		
Less paid by members 175.00	105.00	
<u>Donation - NSW Ecumenical Council</u>	25.00	
- Austcare Book Plate	20.00	
- Assistance to Victims Landmines	50.00	
<u>Governor's Breakfast</u>	26.50	45.00
<u>Executive Badges</u>	45.00	
<u>National Ecumenical Aboriginal Conference -</u>		
Registration	100.00	
Donation towards Ab'nal woman attending	150.00	
<u>Memorial Bursary Book - O Lean</u>	25.00	
- W Dougherty	25.00	
- V Thorpe	25.00	75.00
<u>Special Funds</u>		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	11010.77	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	231.00	
Fellowship Day Service	4709.77	
World Community Day Service	4358.81	
	20310.35	
Add entitlement & expenses	1920.80	22231.15
F'ship Least Coin - Tstr Call A/c	1500.00 (c)	
National Treasurer - ACWC Bulletins	152.00 (c)	
" " - Travel Fund	41.50	
Laos Medical Centre	60.00 (c)	28875.67
CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C 31/12/1995		5323.77

THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)
AUDITORS REPORT

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND
DOCUMENTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
(N.S.W. STATE UNIT) AND FIND THAT, IN MY OPINION, THE
ATTACHED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AND
CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE
31ST DECEMBER 1995, GIVE A TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF THE
AFFAIRS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W.
STATE UNIT) AT THAT DATE

TREASURER'S REPORT



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SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

B/fwd 1-1-95		758.83
Receipts for year ended 30-11-1995		10890.25
		11649.08
<u>Less payments - Expenses Postage & Stationery</u>	58.80	
National Executive ACW	11010.77	
5% entitlement ACW NSW	579.51	11649.08
		NIL
Receipts for December		893.12
<u>Less Expenses - Postage</u>		45.15
		847.97 C/fwd

FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE

Receipts for year ended 30-11-1995		5221.65
<u>Less payments - Printing/postage</u>	264.00	
National Executive	4709.77	
5% entitlement ACW NSW	247.88	5221.65
		NIL

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE

B/fwd 1-1-95		65.40
Receipts for year ending 30-11-1995		5006.72
		5072.12
<u>Less payments - Printing/Postage</u>	483.90	
National Executive	4358.81	
5% Entitlement ACW NSW	229.41	5072.12
		NIL
Receipts for December		98.00 C/fwd

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

B/fwd 1-1-95		46.00
Receipts for year ending 30-11-1995		197.15
		243.15
<u>Less payments - National Executive</u>	231.00	
5% entitlement ACW NSW	12.15	243.15
		NIL
Receipts for December		27.30 C/fwd

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER, 1995

<u>BALANCES</u>		<u>FUNDS</u>	
<u>COMMONWEALTH BANK -</u>		<u>ORGANISATION A/C</u>	9597.00
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	\$5023.77	"NEWSETTE"	
<u>GLERE ADMINISTRATION</u>		B/Fwd 1-1-95	521.89
<u>BOARD</u>		Subscriptions	865.00
	6000.00		1386.89
<u>UN. CHURCH TRUST ASSOC.)</u>	1500.00	Less costs	748.05
<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>) 143.05	<u>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</u>	638.84
		B/fwd 1-1-95	111.53
		Add Receipts	200.35
			311.88
		Less payment	150.00
		<u>STOCK</u>	161.88
		Sales	2661.50
		Less Costs	1966.46
		<u>FLOWER FESTIVAL</u>	695.04
		Donations	127.60
		Less Costs	102.00
		<u>STATE CONFERENCE</u>	25.60
		B/Fwd 1-1-95	262.75
		<u>ACWC PARTNERS</u>	
		Donations	368.25
		ACWC Service	327.25
			695.50
		Less expenses	70.00
		Nat.Exec.	500.00
		<u>SPECIAL FUNCTION DAYS</u>	125.50
		B/Fwd 1-1-95	543.44
		Receipts	1087.10
			1630.54
		Less Expenses	603.60
			1026.94
		Less Nat.Ccl	
		Women Bursary	500.00
		F'ship L.Coin	526.94
		W.K.S.	847.97
		W'ld C Day	27.30
		A.C.W.C. Bulletins	98.00
		B/fwd 1-1-95	40.00 Dr
		Receipts	152.00
			112.00
		Subs. paid	152.00
			40.00 Dr
	\$12966.82		\$12966.82

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS:GIRLS BRIGADE NSW

It has again been my privilege to represent Girls Brigade on the State Council of Australian Church Women. In turn I have to thank the State Commissioner of Girls Brigade for allowing me to speak to Divisional Commissioners at State council meetings of the brigade. This has resulted in strong support from many companies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC). Girls Brigade NSW was overjoyed to receive a grant from FLC to run a leadership camp for Pioneers and Young Leaders. We were also thrilled to hear that Girls Brigade South Pacific area had been given a grant for officer training in the Pacific region.

Brigade also supported the toy appeal for the refugee children in the Villawood detention centre, and material was also brought in for the Somali refugee women.

I was pleased to meet Mrs Jean Dubois the former Captain of the Churches of Christ company in Chatswood who gave me photos of the 1968 Winifred Kiek scholar, Mrs Jacke Kini from PNG who stayed with Mrs Dubois while she did training with Brigade before returning to train officers in PNG.

I have been able to alert Brigade to many issues, thanks to my individual involvement as Social Issues convener, and hope to serve both Brigade and Australian Church Women in the following twelve months, as we serve our Lord in every way.

Heather Reid

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (WCTU)

WCTU is represented on NSW unit by Mrs Lil Morris and Mrs Dora Quarmby, who attend council meetings regularly, and report back on ACW to WCTU state secretary. WCTU - 113 years old this year - is active in the area of promoting and encouraging an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. Up-to-date, informative and factual literature is produced, and distributed free of cost as widely as possible. This covers not only alcohol and its dangers, but also tobacco, marijuana, pornography, gambling and other evils that affect our society. As an example, one of our most recent leaflets "Marijuana is Dangerous" has been requested in quantity by several welfare and community centres for display and distribution through their offices.

Other activities include non-alcoholic drinks demonstrations (with tastings and recipe-sheets), and a program, using puppets, for schools, youth clubs, camps etc.

This program has in some cases been recommended to schools by local police, who recognise its value in influencing young people. Like ACW, the WCTU sends many letters, submissions, votergrams etc to politicians and others, about proposed legislation and other matters of concern in our community, also commendation when appropriate. This year, in concern for falling numbers, and the advancing age of members, WCTU Australia-wide is having a "Membership Drive", seeking to enrol younger active women to take up the task which long-time faithful but now aged members are having to lay down, and carry on the work of Temperance into the next century.

Beryl McLaughlin
WCTU STATE SECRETARY

ACW REPRESENTATIVES TO:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (NCW)

Miss Shirley Wells and myself have continued to represent ACW in this organisation. Council meetings are held monthly and there have been some very interesting speakers on many different and varied topics which have often given us a good deal of food for thought. This year of 1996 NCW is celebrating its centenary so there is much activity in connection with this. It is a very exciting year for NCW and we trust this organisation, which is an umbrella organisation for 72 other women's organisations, can finally obtain recognition for the work it does amongst women and for women.

For those who may be avid stamp collectors, a stamp is coming out on 8th of August to celebrate 100 years of NCW.

Beth Finlay

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NSW

The two meetings for 1995 were held at the Anglican Cathedral, Bathurst and at the Syrian Orthodox Church Centre, Lidcombe. The Goulburn weekend in February was one of the highlights of the "Taize" gatherings, it was a prayerful contemplative experience. The first meeting for 1996 (May) at St Scholastica's College, Glebe, was the best ever, with the heads of churches giving their practical ideas for greater unity amongst the christian denominations. You could feel the seriousness of the attempts to further the journey with joy and good will amongst all who spoke. This type of approach is to be commended, but needs to be amplified to the wonderful people who are "the church".

Marie McCann



BRANCH REPORTS:

ARMIDALE WOMEN'S INTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Armidale Women's Inter Church Fellowship is made up of representatives of the main churches in Armidale. Our purpose is to organise our three inter-church services each year. These are World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March; Fellowship Day in July, and Community Day in October.

Our World Day of Prayer service was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in the evening and was followed by supper. We joined in the Unity Week Simply Sharing Meal on 31 May. The combined service was in St. Mary's Cathedral and was followed by a plain meal of rice etc. Proceeds went to Force Ten.

We celebrated Fellowship Day at 12 noon in St. Ursula's Chapel and enjoyed a light lunch together afterwards. Community Day was held at St. Peter's Cathedral at 10am, followed by morning tea. As we did last year, we held a combined churches Hymn Fest in conjunction with Community day. It was very successful and enjoyable and the money raised went to help the Northern Region Life Education Van.

Jean Latham
SECRETARY

CHATSWOOD/WILLOUGHBY

Report to July 1995

Chatswood/Willoughby Branch of Australian Church Women held the Fellowship Day Service at Chatswood Salvation Army Citadel with Major Hazel McIver as the guest speaker. There was the usual average attendance of 40 people present with an Offering of \$146.30. There was a trading table on the day and a total of \$90 was made which will go towards a local community project at the end of our financial year. Many of the ladies that attend our services are getting old and we are unable to attract new people but shall continue to endeavour to boost our numbers.

The World Community Day Service is to be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Chatswood on Friday 27 October at 10.30 a.m. This is the first time that the service has been held at St. Paul's for several years and we are delighted that the ladies from St. Paul's have joined with us again.

Nora Cliff
PRESIDENT

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CAMDEN

The first service held in Camden was World Community Day in October 1994 at the Uniting Church, Camden. There were 40 ladies in attendance which was felt to be a good attendance for a "first".

In July, Fellowship Day was held in the Catholic church at Camden and the attendance was 100! Both services were very well received and now there is a committee established to handle the organisation of future services.

Lucelle King

CAMPBELLTOWN

The very first ACW Service in Campbelltown was held in October 1995 as World Community Day. The Service was held in St. Peter's Anglican with an attendance of 26 from 6 Churches. It was held at night with hope that more "working" people would be able to attend. Being the first of its kind in Campbelltown, many had never heard of ACW and this largely accounted for the low attendance.

We have decided to hold Fellowship Day in 1996 in the daytime because of the cold weather and that many women do not like to be out at night. This service will be held in the Campbelltown City Baptist Church and we are hoping to have a larger response than last year. The Committee organising WCD consists of only 3 members drawn from the Anglican & Baptist Churches. A little more interest has been shown from some of the other Churches so we hope for a greater representation on the committee in future.

There was a good response for FLC, and a good amount received also for the project. One lady has continued with FLC on a personal level and sends her money (and her prayers!) directly to the FLC Convener. We would value your prayers for this new Branch.

Lucelle King

CITY BRANCH

Our Fellowship Day Service for 1995 was held on Wednesday, 26 July at the YWCA in Wentworth Avenue. The State President, Mrs. Lucelle King was our speaker and also soloist and this was very much appreciated by those present, some of whom had travelled quite a distance on a cold morning, as had Lucelle herself. There were representatives from five denominations and the YWCA, and the Y. provided us with some lovely cream cake for morning tea.

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World Community Day was held on Wednesday 25 October at the rooms of the Catholic Women's League and our speaker on this occasion was Mrs. Joan Carolan, President of CWL for the Archdiocese of Sydney. This was well supported by CWL members and city representatives. It was a challenging message, reference being made to conditions in other countries as reported by christian agencies. We also enjoyed fellowship over morning tea.

City Branch experiences some difficulty in that not all city churches support us and there is also difficulty in arranging venues but we give thanks for the quality of the support which we have.

Vi Minty

SECRETARY

EPPING

We have a committed group of churches in this district which can be depended on to -

- (a) Keep up affiliation
- (b) Attend Fellowship and World Community Day services each year
- (c) Are very obliging in offering use of their own churches (from time to time and with church authorities permission) as location for such services.

Concerning the latter, locations this year were - St. Mark's Lutheran and Beecroft Presbyterian. In 1996, we have preliminary agreement for St. Alban's Anglican (Epping) and St. Kevin's Catholic (Eastwood).

Denominations participating are - Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Uniting. Except for Churches of Christ and Lutheran, several individual churches are included for each denomination. The "single-church" representatives (Churches of Christ & Lutheran) however, contribute equally well with the others.

We always have a good attendance at the planning meetings and typically, 60-80 individuals come to the services. Collections tend to be over \$200 which is reasonable for a largely middle class, retiree clientele.

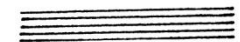
Yours in Christ,

Helen Brolly

HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER

FAITH
IF IT HAS NO WORKS

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GLADESVILLE/HUNTERS HILL

We thank God for the wonderful opportunity that brings together members of congregations from all denominations in our area for these two special services. Fellowship Day Service was held at Gladesville Uniting Church with guest speaker Edith Ridge, NSW Promotions Convener of ACW who spoke very movingly to the theme "Christ's Call - Our Service". Offering \$168.60 with 52 present.

World Community Day Service was held at All Saints Anglican Church, Hunters Hill with their Assistant Minister, Raewynne Whitely, MA, B.Th.as speaker - a young and encouraging lady who spoke to the theme "World Partners - Praying and Working Together". There were 40 present, offering \$180 and FLC \$140.

Ten churches from six denominations take part and all enjoy the friendship and fellowship at the luncheons that follow the services - we feel that we are growing closer with each year that passes. We are grateful for the good publicity given by the local papers and we thank all those who contribute their talents to make a success of each service and for all who work and give of their time to prepare and supply food and drinks for all who attend.

Beryl Davis - CO-ORDINATOR

Molly Gilchrist- BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

GOODWIN VILLAGE/WOOLLAHRA

1994-95

Goodwin Village residents have continued to support the FLC with prayer and gifts. For World Community Day Services we had Mrs. D. Murphy share experiences of her visit to Alaska and Canada. Mrs. Enid Davis gave a beautiful challenging address on a tour she and her husband took to Israel and Turkey -- at which the Fellowship Day Service was used.

Prayers from the Fellowship Day Services have been used at other ecumenical services on occasions because of their suitability for such occasions. Village residents have also attended Fellowship and Community Day Services in other centres.

Deaconess Mary Andrews

LIFE MEMBER/BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

KILLARA/LINDFIELD/ROSEVILLE

This branch has enjoyed a very successful year. The churches represented are St. Peters, St. Albans and St. Martins, the Uniting Churches of Roseville, Killara East, Lindfield, St. Davids Killara Catholic and St. Lukes.

The services are rotated ecumenically and there is always a church delighted to have the service. The representatives at our planning meeting, organise the entire service and provide morning tea. Readers volunteer to take part in the service from each denomination. We enjoy strengthening christian fellowship very much and the services are greatly appreciated.

**Pat Taylor,
PRESIDENT**

LANE COVE/LONGUEVILLE

During 1995 participation by the Anglican, Catholic, and Uniting Church ensured that World Day of Prayer and the Fellowship Day services were held.

The World Day of Prayer service was held at Finlayson St. Uniting Church, Lane Cove. Guest speaker Mrs Peg Blake charmed and inspired our congregation for 66 people as she spoke joyfully on "The Earth is a House for all People". Leader, Dorothy Moulton introduced and presented the difficult segments of the service from Ghana with skill and tact.

Fellowship Day service was held at St Andrews Uniting Church, Longueville. Mrs Marie McCann addressed the theme "Christ's Call Our Service" with simple sincerity and conviction and delighted the whole congregation. Joan Gostello sang "The Servant Song" to support Marie's message, and the combination of Marie and Joan expressing so thoroughly the very essence of our christianity brought tears to many eyes. The area was represented at both the annual dedication service as well as the ecumenical luncheon. Congratulations to Marie McCann and Beth Finlay and their team for the wonderful luncheon and the most enjoyable time of fellowship for all who attended.

We are experiencing difficulties in keeping going owing to lack of younger members. Several of our senior members are 'hanging on' only because there is no one to replace them, but it is their need to resign. Our most appreciative and heartfelt thanks to our very hard working executive members who accomplish SO MUCH for us all!!

Lois Maze

PARRAMATTA

Both Fellowship Day and World Community Day services were held in Parramatta. The churches represented were Anglican, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Baptist, Salvation Army and Uniting Church. Fellowship Day was held at the Salvation Army where the speaker was Major Judy Holley, a most interesting guest speaker. 68 persons attended including 3 men. The day is always an opportunity for friendships to be renewed and fellowship.

World Community Day was held in Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, where the Rev Mrs Janet Dawson was an interesting speaker. We were delighted to have in the congregation 2 interesting ladies from the Solomon Islands, Rev. Marita Tanie the first and only lady ordained minister in the Solomons, and Veitinia Waguabasa from the student mission at Parramatta mission.

STRATHFIELD-HOMEBUSH

Our friendships have continued during this year and we thank God for the oneness of our ladies in His family. Fellowship Day was held at Enfield Salvation Army where we welcomed Mrs. Lucelle King as our speaker and soloist. Lucelle is well-known to many in our area and she challenged us on the theme, "Christ's Call - Our Service" and re-enforced the fact that God uses ordinary people, which we all are, in His service. Mrs. Pat Burke, a former member of our Branch, was the speaker at our World Community Day Service held at St. Martha's Catholic Church. It was good to welcome her back. We are looking forward to a continuance of support for this service and for the F.L.C.

We had two World Day of Prayer Services on the 1st March. In the morning we met at St. Anne's Anglican Church, where Mrs. Jenny Johnston, the Rector's wife was our speaker. Our evening service was at the Homebush Uniting Church and Miss Gwen Willis was our speaker. This service was specially asked for to cater for those who work during the day. Both speakers challenged us, in their own way, to serve God just where we are.

We have been interested to learn about work among Somali Refugee Women at Auburn. These ladies are learning to sew and also to speak English. Our ladies have shown a keenness to help in some way. This work was started by Jenny Johnston and her helpers through the NSW Ecumenical Council.

Winnie Hall/SECRETARY
Jan Harrison/BRANCH PRESIDENT



SEVEN HILLS - TOONGABBIE

Our 1995 Fellowship Day service was held on Friday 21st July in the Girraween Presbyterian Community Church. Numbers were down, mainly, we believe, due to the inclement weather on the day and the number of local people affected by the prevailing winter ills. Despite the comparatively small attendance (40+), the offertory was very satisfactory. In addition there was a contribution of \$24.50 towards our ACWC Partners commitment. We were very pleased to have Yvonne Davis as our speaker; her talk was greatly appreciated. We also enjoyed the musical item provided by a group from Wentworthville Presbyterian church. The service was followed by lunch, which gave opportunity for extended fellowship.

Our World Community Day service was held on Friday 20th October at St Mary's Anglican church, Pendle Hill at which Peg Blake was the speaker.

For some years we have held a christmas function: lunch, followed usually by a "concert" for which every participating church provides at least one item, revealing interesting, even surprising talents. Gifts are brought for distribution by the Smith Family.

Doris Haberfield

SUTHERLAND

Sutherland branch of Australian Church women continues strong. Planning meetings are held prior to special days, with an average attendance of 12, all denominations being included. Special invitations are printed for the services and secretary Mina Whybourne writes letters enclosing the invitation to 64 churches. A food team of helpers follows up, distributing a further supply to all of the denominations, ensuring a personal invitation to everyone interested. Attendance at special days averages 120. Men and women are invited to attend and to take part in the service. Attendance sheets are signed at the services so that a record book can be maintained.

Every denomination participates in the services, choice of venue being chosen as we alternate between both ends of the shire. Speakers are selected as far as possible from the ACW list and a resume of the work of ACW, FLC, WK Scholarship, and Asian Church Women's Conference is included where applicable in the introduction to the service. A duplicate copy of the report, which is sent to the treasurer and then to the promotions convener, is also kept, with details of the service for future reference.



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Gifts are presented to the speaker (with expenses), organist and soloist. Representatives of ACW in Sutherland Shire are very actively involved in things ecumenical, including Prayer on Wheels, choral work and special inter-denominational functions. I am sure that much of the success of this branch can be attributed to the faithful dedication of our hard-working secretary, Mina.

Peg Blake



THE ENTRANCE

An inaugural meeting to establish a branch of Australian Church Women in The Entrance district was held on 22nd September 1994, with representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches attending. Edith Ridge chaired the meeting and advised us how to establish a branch.

World Community Day was held in the Uniting Church, Long Jetty, with Edith Ridge as guest speaker. Approximately 70 attended.

We are pleased to report that interest in ACW has been maintained in The Entrance district, and that two very successful services were held in 1995, both at the Presbyterian Church, The Entrance, with congregations of 60. The guest speakers were Peg Blake and Marie McCann who both delivered an excellent address. To date, all our services have been preceded by morning tea, and a wonderful time of fellowship has been enjoyed by all who attend, as well as giving us all the opportunity to have fellowship with our speakers.

Our branch members are encouraged to attend the wider activities of ACW and some have attended the spiritual enrichment days and ecumenical luncheons.

Margaret Ellis

PRESIDENT & BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

TURRAMURRA-WAHROONGA INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

(Affiliated with ACW)

Our president for 1995 is from the Kuringai Presbyterian Church at Wahroonga, which organised the World Day of Prayer service. Our secretary for 1995 is from St Andrews Anglican Church Wahroonga which organised the Fellowship Day service. Both services were well attended and enjoyed by those present.

Because we rotate the churches it means that the president and secretary are for one year only and have to learn their new duties. As the members grow older it

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becomes more difficult to find new representatives and secretaries. This year our secretary has been a young mother of three who teaches school too, so she has been very busy and we appreciate the time she has put in to fulfilling her duties - learning all the time too.

There are representatives from 10 churches in our area who attend the meetings, which are planning meetings for the two services and the annual meeting in November. At the annual meeting each representative gives a short account of what the women in her church do - from helping the sick, cooking, shopping, looking after pets, driving etc - much the same in each church - sometimes meetings where young and old get together happily. One older group at one church has the lovely title of "The Jubilee Fellowship Group", and a younger group is a good support for them. Most women find they are too committed elsewhere to be able to attend our ACW functions held in the city.

Margaret Jessup

NEW PROMOTIONAL ITEM

- **"WRITE-IT" - small plastic wallet with ACW badge.**
Small notebook and address/phone number memo -
Also, plastic sleeves for credit cards etc.

\$3.50

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For your diary:

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
40 YEARS CELEBRATION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 11 - OVERSEAS GUESTS.
10.30am - Meeting, 12.00pm - Lunch
Proposed venue: The Salvation Army,
140 Elizabeth St. SYDNEY (Cost - \$10.00)
(RSVP - Secretary)